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New Ports of Entry for U.S. Potato Products

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Report Highlights:

On May 17, 2002, the Secretariat of Treasury announced in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register) official ports of entry for U.S. imported potato products and additional information required to import fresh potatoes.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes a final regulation to import potato products published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on May 17, 2002.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: The Secretariat of Treasury published on May 17, 2002, in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register), modifications to import the following potato products: fresh potatoes (0701.90.99), frozen potatoes (2004.10.01), and processed potatoes (2005.20.01).

- **Additional Documents:** Annex 18 of the resolution, specified that a copy of the USDA phytosanitary certificate be added to the import documents.

- **Custom Ports of Entry :** Annex 21 of the resolution specified that the customs entry points for the HTS products mentioned above would be limited to the following border crossings: Nogales, Nuevo Laredo, Tijuana and Ciudad Juarez (only by the International Bridge of "Zaragoza Isleta").

According to Treasury, the reason for limiting ports of entry is due to limited staffing resources and a desire to establish better control of potato imports in light of complaints of smuggling from Mexican producers. Although this measure is not intended to affect trade flow, it will likely increase the cost of the imported product. While fresh potato is imported for border zones only, other potato products are allowed to be imported into the entire country.

Title: Thirtieth Resolution of Modifications to the Miscellaneous Resolution of Foreign Trade for 2000 - annexes 10, 18, 21 and 22.

Type of Regulation: Final

Important Dates

1. Publication Date: May 17, 2002

2. Effective Date: May 18, 2002

Products Affected: Potato Products

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